

30 MAY 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Brownman

Harold:

The following is the extent of knowledge on the possible matter of Walter Pforzheimer assuming a contract relationship under Walt Elder for purposes of writing history. Walt informs me he neither originated the idea nor looks upon it with great favor. Pforzheimer approached him and stated that Mr. Colby had approved a suggestion of Walter's to go under contract to write the history of the first ten years of the Agency's legislative relationships. Walt further states that he believes Walter is endeavoring also to develop some relationship with Harry Eisenbeiss to write a history of the Historical Intelligence Collection. In order to bring this matter to a head, Elder sent the attached memorandum to Walter and as yet has not received a reply. He further told Walter that, should a contract come into being, there would be no space for Walter in this building and he would have to work in the Magazine Building. Walter, predictably, viewed this development negatively.

In reviewing the approved Historical Program by the Management Committee, there is only one item which even remotely concerns what Walter has in mind. It is entitled "Before CIA" and it has been practically completed by [] of OTR.

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My suggestion to you is that you bring this matter up with Colby and try to determine if, in fact, Pforzheimer has broached this matter and, if so, what was the DCI position.

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fr C/CIA History Staff

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